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## 40 years of Kinosaki symposia

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**Masayoshi NAGATA**  
(1961)

### Originators



**Takehiko MIYATA**  
(1963 at Katata)  
Passed away  
in Nov. 1983  
by traffic accident

## Origin

**Miyata** got married to a daughter of **Tsutaya Inn**  
Found the Inn available for symposia on weekdays

Suggested to **Nagata** to take advantage  
and organize symposia

### Background:

**Nagata** organized an AG seminar in 1961  
when **Miyata** and **Oda** were  
senior undergraduates at Kyoto Univ.

Nagata was interested in **14th Prob. of Hilbert**  
“**Mumford’s Conj.**” on  
geometric-reductivity of semi-simple alg. grps.

Seminar on A. Borel’s alg. linear grp. paper

Crash course on necessary basics on AG  
(in **Weil** style and Nagata’s **models**  $\doteq$  schemes)

**Schemes** and **functorial AG** only in 1963 when  
D. **Mumford**, **Hironaka** and S. **Lang** came to Japan

Very stimulating and inspiring years for me,  
since Miyata was very advanced

AG symposia held **every year since 1974**

**Nagata** attended **all** the AG symposia  
before he passed away on Aug. 27, 2008

Next year's organizers appointed at each symposium

Topics and participants from **wide-ranging related fields**

**Proceedings** published **since 1977**

List of speakers/titles for these years compiled  
thanks to cooperation of Kentaro MITSUI

Programs for years **1974, 1975, 1976?**

**Miyata** also organized symposia in  
**number theory, topology, representation theory**, etc.

reflecting **Miyata's** broad interest in math.

## Accomplishments

Initially not many algebraic geometers in Japan  
one room or the dining hall of **Seirantei** sufficed

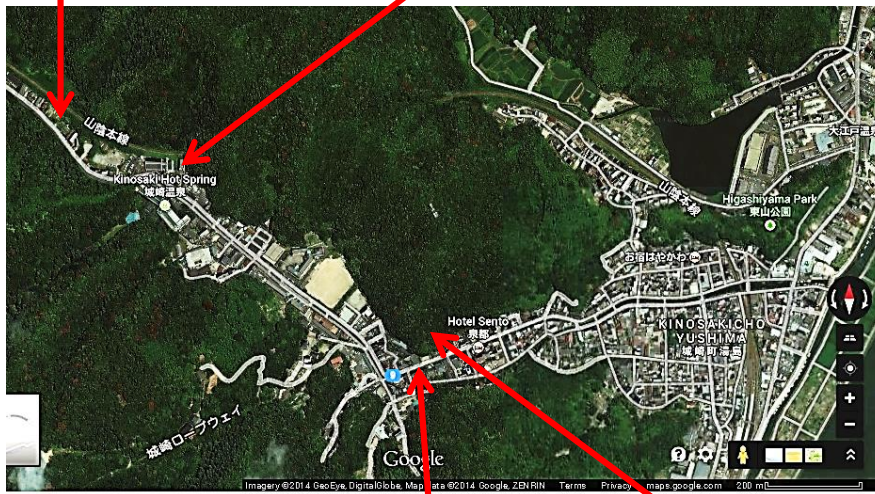
Kinosaki AG symposia led to:

- **Nation-wide network** of algebraic geometers
- **face-to-face encounters** leading to joint works
- **Nation-wide mobility** of algebraic geometers

Promising young people were invited to give talks

Nagata supported their travel  
even when Grants-in-Aid were not widely available

**Seirantei (dining hall)** **Conference Hall (since 1987)**



**Tsutaya (2<sup>nd</sup> floor hall of the Main Building)** **Yosho Shrine**



**(2005) No photo records in early years**



**Any photos?**





Until 2013

## Why long-lasting?

Participants stay at a few inns in a small town  
not much to do other than math in the daytime

**“retreat”**

- Reasonable price
- Good food including crab banquet
- Spa tour



## Oct. 2005 after crab banquet



### Another important contribution by:

**Nightly “symposium”** (in ancient Greco-Roman sense)  
at the **entrance hall of Seirantei**

*a convivial meeting, usually following a dinner,  
for drinking and intellectual conversation 饗宴*

**SYMPOSIUM** (Latin) from Greek *symposion*  
*sympinein* to drink together (from *syn-* + *pinein* to drink)  
the title of a work by **Plato** (4th century BC)

**Participants get to know one another well**

Thanks to **Miyata**’s connection:

**Tsutaya allows beverages to be brought in,  
even provides glasses and ice cubes**



**Early evening  
after dinner**



**a bit later**







**Much later**

